

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A corner guard ~~adapted~~ to protect a pre-hung door assembly comprising:

a frontal barrier member ~~having an~~ comprising a bumper member having a raised outer bumper surface and an inner base surface;

a fixed side flange affixed to ~~one end of~~ said frontal barrier member and extending approximately perpendicularly with respect to the inner base surface such that a right angle inner surface corner contour is formed therebetween; and

an outwardly extensible lip member affixed to ~~the other end of~~ said frontal barrier member and comprising a proximal end affixed to said frontal barrier member and a free distal end at which said lip member is extensible,

wherein the proximal end of said lip member comprises a substantially flat strip member extending approximately perpendicularly with respect to the inner base surface of said frontal barrier member on the same side of the frontal barrier member as said fixed side flange, such that a right angle brace is formed between the inner base surface and the proximal end of said lip member, and wherein said substantially flat strip member is disposed approximately perpendicularly to said fixed side flange,

said lip member further comprising a corner flange disposed at its distal end, whereby with said lip member outwardly extended relative to said frontal barrier member, said corner flange is disposed approximately parallel to said fixed side flange.

2. (original) The corner guard of claim 1, wherein said frontal barrier member, said fixed side flange, and said lip member are formed as an integrally molded plastic unit.

3. through 5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The corner guard of claim 1 ~~[[5]]~~, wherein said lip member corner flange curves inwardly ~~in a hook-like manner~~.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The corner guard of claim 1 ~~[[7]]~~, wherein said raised outer bumper surface ~~is member includes a substantially flat upper surface~~.

9. (original) The corner guard of claim 7, wherein the width-to-height ratio of said bumper member is at least 1.0.

10. (original) The corner guard of claim 7, wherein said bumper member has a width between 1.25" and 1.50".

11. (original) The corner guard of claim 7, wherein said bumper member has a height between 0.875" and 1.25".

12. (currently amended) The corner guard of claim 1 ~~[[7]]~~, wherein said frontal barrier member further includes a substantially flat transition flange that couples said ~~raised~~ bumper member to the proximal end of said lip member.

13. through 27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A pre-hung door assembly comprising:

a door secured within a door frame, said door frame comprising two vertical frame members and a cross-frame member, the combination of which define four corners; and

four corner guards attached respectively to the four corners of the door frame, wherein each of said four corner guards comprises ~~includes~~:

a frontal barrier member disposed for providing a barrier surface across the front of a one of said corners ~~region~~ of the pre-hung door assembly; said frontal barrier member comprising a bumper member having a raised outer bumper surface and an inner base surface;

a fixed side flange affixed to ~~one end of~~ said frontal barrier member and extending approximately perpendicularly with respect to the barrier surface provided by said frontal barrier member such that a right angle inner surface corner contour is formed therebetween; and

an outwardly extensible lip member affixed to ~~the other end of~~ said door retention member and comprising a proximal end affixed to said frontal barrier member and a free distal end at which said lip member is extensible,

wherein the proximal end of said lip member comprises a substantially flat strip member extending approximately perpendicularly with respect to the inner base surface of said frontal barrier member on the same side of the frontal barrier member as said fixed side flange, such that a right angle brace is formed between the inner base surface and the proximal end of said lip member, and wherein said substantially flat strip member is disposed approximately perpendicularly to said fixed side flange, such that in combination said lip member and said fixed side flange receive one of said corners,

said lip member further comprising a corner flange disposed at its distal end, whereby with said lip member outwardly extended relative to said frontal barrier member, said corner flange is disposed approximately parallel to said fixed side flange.

29. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28, wherein said ~~lip member~~  
corner flange and said fixed side flange of two of said four corner guards ~~secures said other end~~  
~~of said frontal barrier member~~ are secured to said cross-frame member, and wherein said corner  
flange and said fixed side flange of the remaining two of said four corner guards are secured to  
said vertical frame members ~~to a corner of the door frame.~~

30. (canceled)

31. (original) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28, wherein said frontal barrier member,  
said fixed side flange, and said lip member are formed as an integrally molded plastic unit.

32. through 34. (canceled)

35. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 ~~[[34]]~~, ~~wherein the door~~  
~~frame includes at least one~~ said door having a bottom edge and each of said vertical frame  
members having a bottom end extending in offset manner below the bottom edge of the door to  
form an L-shaped bottom corner region of the pre-hung door assembly, and wherein with said lip  
member is outwardly extended ~~extensible such that~~ said lip member corner flange is secured  
~~securable~~ to the bottom end ~~corner~~ of the vertical frame member.

36. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 [[34]], wherein said lip member corner flange curves inwardly ~~in a hook-like manner~~.

37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 [[37]], wherein said raised outer bumper surface is ~~member includes a substantially flat upper surface~~.

39. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 [[37]], wherein the width-to-height ratio of said bumper member is at least 1.0.

40. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 [[37]], wherein said bumper member has a width between 1.25" and 1.50".

41. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 [[37]], wherein said bumper member has a height between 0.875" and 1.25".

42. (currently amended) The pre-hung door assembly of claim 28 [[37]], wherein said frontal barrier member further includes a flat transition flange that couples said ~~raised~~ bumper member to the proximal end of said lip member.